GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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SHARING OF POWER OF PARBATI HYDRO PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Governmentof Rajasthan to maintain State`s share of Power as per MOU dated October 20, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sharing of power of Parbati H.E. Project by Himachal Pradesh,Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi is enshrined in the said MOU;

(d) if so, whether during discussion about the said project on September 16, 1998 at Chandigarh it was decided that execution of this Project is likely to be handed over to NHPC and share of States to be kept as enshrined in MOU;

(e) if so, whether HP unilaterally signed afresh MOU with NHPC on November 20,1998 for execution of this Project but did not include share of power as mentioned in 1992 MOU;

(f) if so, whether the Government have directed the Government of HP to incorporatepercentage of share of power amongst four States as enshrined in the said MOU; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (g) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) drawn amongst States ofRajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and National Capital Territory of Delhi on 20.10.1992 for investigation and execution of Parbati Hydro-electric Project (2051MW) envisaged the equity contribution as under :

(i) Rajasthan : 40%

(ii) Haryana : 25%

(iii) Gujarat : 15%

(iv) Delhi : 15%

(v) Himachal Pradesh : 5%

The MOU also provided that 12 per cent of energy generated from theproject shall be given to Himachal Pradesh free of cost and the remaining 88 per cent of energy generated from the project shall be apportioned amongst the States, including Himachal Pradesh in the ratio of their equity participation. The MOU could not beeffected as Himachal Pradesh desired its contribution vis-Ã -vis benefits be raised from 5% to 25% by effecting reduction in the share of other partner States.

Subsequently, Himachal Pradesh decided to execute Parbati HE Project inCentral Sector project through NHPC.Accordingly a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of Himachal Pradesh and NHPC on 20.11.1998 forexecution of the project.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh had clarified to other Statesincluding Rajasthan that the MOU of 1992 stood automatically abrogated consequent upon a fresh MOU having been signed.

The sharing of allocated benefits from the project amongst the States/Union Territory in the Northern Region would be in keeping with the sharing formula applicable for Central Sector hydro stations.